### WAGNER'S CUDGEL WIELDED FOR CITY

Senator, at Brown Committee Hearing, Says Tax Burden Here Is Unjust.

BOROUGH HEADS HEARD

State Senator Robert F. Wagner sitting as a member of the Brown legislative committee proved yesterday the of the contention of New York city offimuch more than its share of State taxes.

Chairman Elon R. Brown of Watertown had questioned Borough President tirely successful, for Mr. Mathewson cited the Jerome avenue road, extending to Yonkers, as a case in which the municipality bore a heavy share of cost while reaping a relatively small propor-

Senator Wagner followed with questouching the entire public roads m of the State. He called attention to the fact also that while the expenses of the up-State Public Service Commission were defrayed by the State the law made the expenses of the down-State Senator Brown interrupted several of

Thinks Charges Fall Short. "I am only trying to show how the ty is discriminated against," said the smooratic leader of the Senate in reply to the Republican leader. "In mopinion, the city officials have not go

far enough in their charges. This city has been purposely excluded from the benefits of the State highway funds. It pays 70 per cent. of the exbut gets nothing for it. It pays a big share of the expenses of the agricultural olleges, which are maintained for the enefit of other communities."

Mr. Brown refused to accept these

statements. He insisted that the health laws were passed by the vote of New York city representatives and that this city had a controlling voice in the enact-ment of the good roads bill.

Senator Brown announced yesterday senator Brown announced yesterday afternoon that the question of the pur-chase of the court house site would be taken up by the committee later. The court house came into the lime-light again through a statement of Bor-

ough President Marks of Manhattan that he believed the services of the Court House Board might well be performed by

House Board might well be performed by the Board of Estimate. The present Court House Board was appointed by the Mayor under a mandatory State law.

Three of the Borough Presidents appeared before the committee yesterday and the two others will be questioned this morning. President Lewis H. Pounds of Brooklyn insisted that real estate was being made to carry more than its share of the city's burden. Mr. Mathewagen agreed with this view and

"The burden on either real estate owners or tenants must be lessened. The budget for 1916 has been pared down as far as possible. New sources of revenue must be found if the burden on real estate is not to become unbearable."

President Marks denounced the new

standardization system as heartless and impractical. "I would standardize places, not human beings." he said. He be-lieved that the Board of Estimate should have charge of the Public Service Com-mission's construction work within the

city.

"All I am asking is a concentration of authority," explained Mr. Marks.
"Both the State and city governments Tammany organization men who have been looking for the slate called at been looking for the slate called at the report. "For several years the been looking for the slate called at the report." through the Public Service Commission, tears up our streets; then the gas and tears up our streets; then the gas and water departments of the city do the same thing, and the Borough President gets the blame. Street cleaning, now a city function in three of the boroughs, might well be made the function of every borough. Markets, too, should be the exclusive care of the boroughs. At present the Board of Aldermen establishes a market and the Comptroller supervises it, but the Borough President builds and maintains it."

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Mr. Marks vigorously opposed the proposal to abolish boroughs. Wants Minimum for Teachers.

Clarence C. Meleney, associate superintendent in charge of high schools, testifying at the morning session, said he
believed the schools could not be properly maintained without mandatory legislation. He believed the State should
fix minimum teachers' salaries, leaving
to the Board of Education power to arrange all details. Salaries, he thought,
should be paid from a lump sum awarded
to the Board of Education.

President Thomas W. Churchill, who
appeared before the committee again,
complained that the majority of teachers' salaries were too low. He believed
that the policy of extreme economy, made
necessary by the city's depleted purse,
should not extend to the schools.

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President Pounds took issue with Mr.
Churchill on this point. He said he believed the Board of Education should
bear its share of the burden with other
departments. He opposed also the suggestion that the Board of Education hould have full authority over its own budget. President Mathewson thought teachers' salaries generally should be fixed with the approval of the Board of Esitmate. He expressed opposition to the principle of an elected Board of Education. All three Borough Presidents said a referendum to decide the will of the people regarding control of city employees salaries would be satisfactory.

Senator Brown received yesterday a letter from an official of the Anti-Saloon League urging the abolition of saloons as the solution of the financial difficulties

of the city and State.
"I have not read the letter and do
not intend to," said Mr. Brown.

#### CIVIL SERVICE INQUIRY NOW.

Horton Committee Will Look Into. State Commission's Work.

ALBANY, Dec. 27 .- The Senate Civil Service Committee of the Senate, of which Senator Clinton T. Horton of Buffalo is chairman, is to make an investigation of the State Civil Service Commission similar to that of the Public Service Commissions under way now. It was said to-night that the investigation will not be directed against the present Civil Service Commissions, whose mem-bers are appointees of Gov. Whitman, but will be aimed rather at certain em-ployees of the commission and the ad-ministration of certain features of the civil service law in various parts of the

The Horton committee has been at work ever since the last session of the Legislature on an investigation of the State service in general with a view to making recommendations to the coming Legislature and for the purpose of salary

classification.

The present members of the Civil Service Commission are Samuel H. Ordway of New York, Republican, chairman; Wilard D. M. Kinstry of Watertown, of Albany, Democrat.

#### CARRANZA TAKES OVER GOVERNMENT OF JUAREZ

Mayor, Postmaster and Customs Officers Sent to Port to Replace Villa Employees-Villa Releases Americans-Huerta Ill Again.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 27.—To-day Andreas Garcia, Mexican Consul, and the entire civil organization of the Constitutionalist Government crossed to Juarez and assumed charge of affairs. With the Consul went Mayor Manuel Frieto to be chief executive. The customs and revenue collecting officers, postmaster and tentative chief of police also went over, accompanied by automobile loads of minor officials.

The work of paying off the Villa sol-

The work of paying off the Villa soldiers who surrendered last week was Mathewson of The Bronx at length in an started to-day. Every soldier got \$10 in effort to show that the city was not un- gold and a pass to his home. Those who fairly taxed. The attempt was not en- wish to reenlist in the Carransa army were taken. Officers received \$20 to \$30 in gold and transportation nome.

Carranza troops coming to El Paso
from Naco, Ariz., have been held at that

point, but are expected here to-morror Gen. Obregon said to-day that he woul ask permission to land the troops at the ask permission to land the troops at the tunnel, near Pelaya, west of here, and march them into Juarez by night. If his request was not granted he would land them here and take them over the international bridge.

Gen. Obregon remained in El Paso today and will stay here until Carransa troops are garrisoning. Juarez.

troops are garrisoning Juares. Gen. Maximo Garcia, with several hundred men from Chinahua City, is expected at the border to-morrow. Fear of an attempt on the life of Gen.

Obregon led to the clearing of the cor-ridors and hallways of the Hetel Paso ridors and hallways of the Hetel Paso del Norte of all suspicious characters.

Gen. Obregon says that all chiefs of importance connected with the Villa cause have surrendered or made arrangements to surrender with the exception of Jose Rodriguez and Manuel Medinaveita. These men will not get amnesty if they surrender. Both, he asserts, refused the terms he offered.

Gen. Obregon said to-night that Villa had been located with about 400 men in the mountains near Guerrero, which is west of Chihuahua City. He said Villa west of Chihuahua City. He said Villa is holding his brother, Francisco Obregon, in the hopes of getting amnesty for himself.

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himself.

About six hundred Villa troops came into Chihuahua City to-day, Gen. Obregon said, and six hundred more are waiting at Madera to surrender if the others are dealt with as promised by the Car-ranza Government, which has offered Gen. Estaban Cantu, from Mexicali, opposite Calexico, Cal., is here to arrange for assuming the military Governorship

**WORRYING TAMMANY** 

Not Announce Staff Un-

til Friday.

Edward Swann as a Judge of Genera

Edward Swann as a Judge of General Sessions pragtically wound up his duties in that line yesterday and then went before George L. Ingraham, Presiding Justice of the Supreme Court, and there took the oath of office as District Attorney, which place he assumes on January 1. He has not yet filed his resignation as a Judge with the Secretary of State, but he will probably do so in a

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finement.

He complained to his guards on Christmas that he was ill and remained in bed the greater part of the day. He is under guard at his home.

Hipolito Villa was sued for \$142,202.96 to-day by Crito Cristoval Martines, a cotton grower of the Laguna district, for thirty-seven cars of cotton seised by Villa agents. This makes a total of \$275,000 in suits which have been filed against Villa in the local courts since he filed to El Paso from Juares.

VILLA PARTY IN CUBA.

Wives of the General and Hipolite in Party of Seventeen.

HAVANA, Dec. 27 .- Mmes. Pancho and Hipolito Villa, wives of the Mexican General and his brother, with a party of seventeen, including the servants, arrived here to-day from New Orleans. Mrs. Pancho Villa came ashore wearing a pongee elik gown with white fox furs. She was the life of the party, laughing and joking with every one.

ico, as "a buliheaded old fool."

If investigation proves that Edwards gave the interview it was said at the Department to-day that he probably would be removed. According to unofficial despatches from the border Robert Pesquiera has been instructed by Carranza to make formal demand for Edwards's recall. The Consul is a native of Lead, S. D., and was appointed to his present post ten years ago.

## SWANN'S DELAYS ARE U.S. BLAMED FOR PART

New District Attorney Will Head of Steamboat Inspection Service Scores Niggardly

> WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.-The annual report of George Uhler, Supervising Inspector General in the Steamboat Inspection Service, charges that the miserly policy of the Government was perhaps responsible for the Eastland disaster in Chicago fast July.

aster larger appropriations may be ob yesterday afternoon he said that he tained.
would make some announcement as to
his appointments on Friday. Many

Says Phessants Kill Quall.

# IN EASTLAND CASE

Policy in Report.

He said that as a result of this dis

been looking for the state that Criminal Courts Building yesterday, but went away disappointed.

Tammany politicians have not been well favored up to date, and at least half a dozen men who have the stamp of the approval of leaders high in the councils of the organization have not heard a word from their applications. Many men on the staff of District Attorney Perkins are Democrats and some belong to the local organizations, but no definite information had been imparted to them last night.

It was learned that there is a chance of possibly half of the present legal staff of the office being retained for the inspection."

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"These conditions, unfortunate as they are, do not compare with those continging the service in June, 1915, for it was necessary on June 10 to order that all reinspections cease. This was because the appropriation for contingent event are, do not compare with those continging the service in June, 1915, for it was necessary on June 10 to order that all reinspections cease. This was because the appropriation for contingent event are, do not compare with those continging the service in June, 1915, for it was necessary on June 10 to order that all reinspections cease. This was because the appropriation for contingent event are, do not compare with those continging the service in June, 1915, for it was necessary on June 10 to order that all reinspections cease. This was because the appropriation for contingent event are, do not compare with those continging the proving the service in June, 1915, for it was necessary on June 10 to order that all reinspections cease. This was pecuase the appropriation for contingent event are, do not compare with those continging the proving the service in June, 1915, for it was necessary on June 10 to order that all reinspections cease. This was pecuase the appropriation for contingent event are, do not compare with those continging the proving the proving the proving the proving the proving th

parted to them last night.

It was learned that there is a chance of possibly half of the present legal staff of the office being retained for the time being. No bint as to what will happen to a dozen or more persons not under civil service was forthcoming.

Judge Swann as the new head of the office will take charge next Saturday, and on the following Monday he will have to equip with his assistants signarts of General Sessions and the Suppreme Court, Criminal Term, in order to get the calendar ready. reinspections."
Figures covering casualties of American vessels for the year ended June 30 show that 107 passengers were lost, or one passenger for every 2,872,411 carried. Members of crews lost totalled

Perkins Honored by His Staff.

District Attorney Perkins was tendered an informal dinner by members of his staff at Healy's last night and was presented with a brass desk set. Public Service Commissioner Hayward and Police Magistrate Koenig were the only other guests.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 26.—Game wardens of central Illinois have filed charges against the English ring necked charges against which were imported at enormous expense by the State Game Department and distributed in most of the counties. It is asserted that the pheuse counties of the grown birds before the eggs are the state of the counties of the grown birds before the eggs against the English ring necked charges against the English ring necked charges against which were imported at enormous expense by the State Game Department and distributed in most of the counties. It is asserted that the pheuse charges against the English ring necked charges a



### GERMANY A MODEL FOR U. S.—PERKINS

Nation in Sore Need of a Commander in Chief, Says Moose Leader.

WILSON FOE TO INDUSTRY

"3. The commander in chief, who under our Constitution is the Presi-

Hostility to Industry. "The necessary enlargements of our army and navy forces must be decided with regard to our location, the possibilities of an offensive movemen against us, our international relations

against us, our international relations and our obligations in the Western Hemisphere. The specifications of our best militery and naval authorities deserve a careful hearing.

"Industry can never be prepared for mobilisation until a fundamental change has taken place in the relations of Government and business. The Government could not mobilise for purposes of defence without an industrial coordination. The nation's industries cannot be brought to a state of readiness for such service until a better understanding is reached with the Government.

"The relation at present is one of hostility. The tendency continues to tear down efficient businesses in pieces." That has been the preoccupation of the present Administration, taking business apart and trying to make it run in small

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Remedy Asked in 1012. "Reference to the Progressive platform

of 1912 will show that this problem is there adequately dealt with. We asked for a tariff commission. That wasn't for either a high tariff or a low tariff, but it was saying that the tariff

the facts of industrial development and industrial conditions throughout the world. At the close of the war cheap goods and the product of the cheapest labor will be thrown in great quantity upon this country. For this contingency and others of equal importance that have arisen in connection with the war we need to prepare now.

"Then at the head of the country there must be a man always capable of organising the forces of industry and the forces of industry and the forces of defence, the commander in chief. We need at the head of the nation an international man, a man who knows the world and its affairs. We must stop nutting men in the White

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George W. Perkins said yesterday that the three things most needed by the United States were an adequate army and navy, a mobilization of industry and a commander in chief, and he intimated that in his opinion the greatest of these should be the commander in chief.

"And who would you have for commander in chief." Mr. Perkins was asked.

"Now I'm not going to tell you, but I saw a cartoon the other day. On one side stood the leaders of the Republican party all looking into the distant has a leader?" On the other side stood the Colonel and all the people pointing at leader? On the other side stood the Colonel and all the people pointing at leader? On the other side stood the Colonel and all the people pointing at leader? On the other side stood the couldn't see anything."

"National preparedness as I conceive it," said Mr. Perkins, "must be considered and developed with equal emphasis upon three main features:

"I. The army and navy."

"Preparedness for industrial mobilities."

PURLESON URGED FOR SENATE.

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Believe Culberson Will Not Run. DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 27 .- Texas friends of Postmaster-General Burleson are now urging him to become a candidate for United States Senator in the event that Senator Culberson, a close friend of the Administration, decides because of ill health not to be a candidate for reelection. It is believed that Mr. Culberson will not run and that Mr. Businessential will not run and that Mr. Burlesor make an effort to take his place.

Senator Culberson has been incapaci tated for some time and is now in New England attempting to recuperate. Mr. Burleson's friends and those of the Administration are now trying to forestal candidates who are either representa-tives of the Bryan or Bailey wings of the party in Texas by letting information "leak out" that the Postmaster-General

MICHIGAN POLITE TO T. R. Will Notify Colonel of His Nomi

nation on Primary Ballot.

apart and trying to make it run in small places. Try it with an automobile and the result is a scrap heap. Follow the same procedure with business and the result is one of equal efficiency.

"What we need to do is to organize business as Germany does, with an attitude of understanding and cooperation in the aims of Government and business. If he sticks to the statement made in New York Saturday that he does not want his name on the Progressive ticket in this State, all he need do is write a letter to the Secretary of State.

According to New York advices Collowed to develop, encouraged by the

lowed to develop, encouraged by the Government, Without such an attitude on the part of Government in the United States industry cannot be enlisted for national service nor brought to a state of readiness for mobilisation on occasions of defence.

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George Kivel Gets & City Joh.

George Kivel, who has been at Police man of Senat Headquarters for several years for the investigation of New York City News Association, was mission, said: appointed a special investigator in the Bureau of Fire Investigation by Fire missioner Williams saw the handwriting roommissioner Adamson yesterday.

#### should be studied and arranged on a basis of knowledge strictly in regard to the facts of industrial development and WILLIAMS QUITS P. S.; NO FEAR OF CHARGES

conclusion that under the circum-ness it would be better for the com-sion and the public if every man onnected with the commission before the Thompson investigation began got out. He therefore took the opportunity to leave with Commissioner Cram. This will leave Commissioner Wood as the only Democrat on the commission.

The gas rate case referred to by Commissioner Williams is that of the Kings.

ssioner Williams is that of the Kings missioner Williams is that of the Kings County Lighting Company. Commissioner Williams in arriving at the price to be charged by the company, which he fixed at 95 cents a thousand cubic feet, accepted as bona fide a contract entered into by the lighting company with the Standard Oil Company under which 4.575 cents a gallon was to be paid for gas oil. This decision as to a price to be charged consumers was merely tentative. It was never acted upon by the commission, and at the suggestion of the Thompson committee the opinion was tabled.

Since then Commissioner Williams has agreed that the allowance of 7½ per cent. as a return on appraised valuation was too high and his revised opinion allows only 7 per cent. return to the Kings County company. Whether this will result in a reduction of the price allowed to be charged for gas depends upon the price for gas oil. This is to be investigated by the commission, beginning Thursday, and the United States Attorney-General has been asked to investigate the alleged discriminatory prices charged by the Standard Oil Company for this commodity.

Appointed by Gov. Dix.

Commissioner Williams is the first member of the New York city commis-sion to resign. He was appointed by Gov. Dix on March 29, 1912, to succeed Commissioner William McCarroll of Brooklyn and took office the next day. Brooklyn and took ornce the next day. His term expires on February 1, 1917. He practised law from 1895 until October, 1911, when he was appointed counsel to the State Conservation Commission by Gov. Dix. For two years previous to that he had been chairman of the law commission. the law committee of the Brooklyn Democratic organization. His connection with the Kings County Democracy had much weight with Gov. Dix.

Gov. Whitman will have two places on the commission to fill on February 1.

on the commission to fill on February 1. He has already had the appointment of two members, Chairman Straus and Commissioner Hayward. Those who have been watching the progress of the Thompson committee believe that he will also have the naming of Commissioner Wood's successor. Thus the entire commission would be of Gov. Whitman's making. There is some agitation for a reorganization of both Public Service Commissions, the idea being to have three men from the First district, three from the Second and a chairman who would be over both. would be over both.

Meanwhile consideration of possible successors to Commissioner Cram, Wood and now Commissioner Williams, centre about Secretary Travis H. Whitney and Bridge Commissioner Kracke. The lat-ter man's Brooklyn Republican organization was the first to indorse Gov Whitman as a candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination mission since its organization and is thoroughly familiar with all the prob-

When asked last night to comment on the resignation of Commissioner Will-lams, Senator Robert R. Lawson of Brooklyn, who has been the right hand man of Senator Thompson during the investigation of the Public Service Com-

confronted with the story that the Legislature intended to reintroduc-cent gas legislation, and having in r that the Public Service Commission deliberated on the

deliberated on the question close to five years, his stand left him no other course years, his stand left him no other course to pursue.

"I believe his resignation meets my idea of the serious consideration of what he figured was going to happen when this committee concluded its deliberations. The members of the commission have seen by this time that we are in deadly earnest and we intend to draft charges before the end of the week. As regards Commissioner Wood, we are going further if the evidence against him is corroborated.

"As for Brooklyn having two members of the commission, if I never agreed with Commissioner Williams, I do agree

with Commissioner Williams, I do agree with the fact that Brooklyn should have two members of the Public Service Commission. The place held by Com-missioner Cram should have gone to Brooklyn." Senator Thompson and other

of his committee from up State en route to New York last night

THOMPSON HEARS NEWS. Says Resignation is Public Service at This Time.

ALBANY, Dec. 27.—Gov. Whitman re-ceived the resignation of Public Service Commissioner George V. S. Williams, to Commissioner George v. s. williams, to take effect January 31 next, this afternoon. The letter of resignation gave no reason for Mr. Williams resigning, and when the Governor asked Mr. Williams's secretary why he was doing so, the sec-

retary said:
"I am sure I don't know. Mr. Willlams shot me off on the 12:40 train fo Albany with his resignation, and here I am. That's all I know about it."

did a public service in resigning now, according to Senator Thompson, who was here to-night on his way from his home morrow.
"He deserves great credit," declared

Senator Thompson. He was not aware of the resignation when he reached Albany and he got in communication with Gov. Whitman as soon as he was informed of what had happened.

On the investigation in general Sen-ator Thompson said that if the com-mittee had not "been stopped in the everything then that is now being re-vealed in New York.
"If I were the Governor," Senator Thompson said, "I would appoint five men to the commission I knew to be honest, five of my friends, and then say This is what I stand for. I would make this a feature of my administra-tion and give the people the kind of

commission the Hughes law intended.

"The resignation of Commissione
Williams puts the work of the Thomp "He did a public service in resigning added. "His attitude was was reactionary and not in accord wit!

the policy the Legislature thought is "The administration of this Public Se vice Commission has certainly not been popular with the people. Williams deserves great credit for bowing to the will of the people. Our committee knows nothing personal against Commissioner Williams. It was only that his attitude Williams. It was only that his attitud was that of the whole commission, and his vote helped to create this attitude

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with what the policy of this State Ad ministration ought to be and I think I think the Governor would like to in operation such a commission as Hughes thought he had put "This is the first time I've taked

the Governor since we began this The Governor has got to be fair only the prosecutor, and he must Senator Thompson was asked what meant by this and he replied:

"I mean that I wouldn't accept hi resignation now as a price to stop in estigating him.



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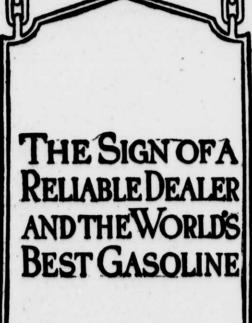
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